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CLEAN ELECTIONS

The people will remember the warning given to the candidates by Judge Benton in his instructions to both the February and May grand juries. This same warning was given by him to the people of Clark and other counties. Since then there have been two primary elections held in Clark county. It is reported that in each, much money was used to corrupt the "honest floater," and now Judge Benton is confronted with a problem. Its either a complete back down or "eat 'em up Joe" program.

It is fresh in memory that Judge Benton also on one occasion, told a Madison county grand jury that it was NOT a violation of law to buy registration certificates, a position which was wholly untenable and which was unanimously condemned by the Court of Appeals. Now that he has given the public to understand how terrible will be his wrath against any one who disobeys his instructions and buys a little vote, we wait with impatience to see what he will do with his former political henchmen who did buy a few in Clark county.

In this county, Judge, they are making preparations to disregard your advice and say that they have nothing to fear from the Clark County Boogie Man.

We were in hopes that we could have the satisfaction of announcing that the good people of Madison county would support you in your most commendable efforts; but, in the language of the bugle man, "we can't wake 'em up; we can't wake 'em up."

Vote selling, vote buying, whisky and debauchery will go on, Judge, in Madison county the same as if you had not spoken. The public conscience is dormant; it won't wake up to the enormity of the crime against which you talk. Fifteen hundred floaters, backed and sustained by nearly all of the eighty-five candidates, their relatives, friends and henchmen, is an enormous power. They are defiant and invite you to do your "derndest." And Judge, what can you do when nearly every county officer has rolled up his sleeves and has determined to go his full length for a debauched ballot and a rotten, corrupt election? Remember also that the good people are absolutely dormant and that you are practically alone in the fight.

With these odds against you, you will be like a straw in a whirlwind. It is a shame that such a condition of affairs should exist. But long neglect of official duty by those charged therewith, has brought this condition around.

If you redeem Madison county, generations yet unborn will call you blessed. One who makes the fight for good government, stands practically alone. He has the plaudits of one or two, the weak commendations of a few, the stolid indifference of the multitude, the active, fighting opposition of those whom he condemns. He makes a faint flutter on the surface, is caught by the whirlpool and disappears, perhaps, forever.

Will you disappear, Judge, or will you fight on?

When the public conscience is awakened and officers perform their duty, you may succeed.

The public is watching you; if you back down, the power of your court is gone forever. If you fight, you may succeed. You can't allow your grand jury to make the non-committal report

that it can't get the witnesses. That farce has worn threadbare. Your power is full and complete. Up and at 'em. If you stand in need of a publicity bureau, the columns of The Madisonian are at your disposal.

THE INCOME TAX

When we wrote our editorial advocating a tax on bachelors, we thought it may not be favorably received. In fact, no one ever mentioned it to us either in a disapproving or approving way. Silence is sometimes considered assent and sometimes contempt. But which ever way you may take it, The Madisonian has the satisfaction of knowing that the Congress of the United States has sustained the idea in its income tax measure and a bachelor will pay more income tax than a married man. Still further, a married man is entitled to an exemption from the tax of \$500.00 for each minor child. The measure has not been completed, but this is the present intention of Congress.

Our local candidates for the Legislature propose nothing new. One, indeed, in a card, advocates a strict surveillance of the taxing power and makes economy the watchword. But this is a glittering generality, and the others, without any pronouncement on the subject, can be relied on to stand for this also.

What do you propose for the betterment of the State, Mr. Candidate for the Legislature?

Is not a married man entitled to some consideration along this line? His burden is a heavy one.

We clip the following from the Louisville Times:

"Foreign countries are amazed at the size of the exemptions to the income tax section of the tariff bill and are disposed to credit those which apply to children to the spread of the gospel according to Col. Roosevelt.

"The proposal to discriminate in favor of marriage to the amount of \$1,000 a year astounds in itself, as the French say, and the further deduction of \$500 for each minor child far exceeds any similar provision abroad. Great Britain, when it first allowed deductions, found the growth of families to be so amazingly rapid that it finally abolished the credit; it has, however, since been restored, but amounts to no more than \$50 for each child under sixteen. France collects no income tax from parents of seven children, but smaller families have very little abatement; Prussia allows fifty marks, about twelve dollars, for each child, with a special provision reducing the grade where there are as many as five dependent children.

"All these countries report the same experience. Those of smallest income have the largest families and regard children as an asset; the rich regard them as a burden."

NO VOTE THIS YEAR

The good women of Madison county will not get to vote in the school election this year in the race for County Superintendent. Clerk Terrill declines to have a ballot prepared for them.

The reading of the law leaves the matter somewhat in doubt. It provides that women may vote at all elections for school trustees and other school officers required to be elected by the people &c. It then refers to the constitutional provisions prescribing the qualifications of school electors.

This is one of the results of the Court of Appeals refusing to take cognizance of the appeals in the Primary Election cases. Where the rights of so many people are concerned, it seems that the court should have taken the cases under consideration and determined the law applicable to the same.

We print a very manly and straight forward statement from Judge H. C. Rice in this issue.

Judge Rice is distinguished for his uniform courtesy to all the

people all the time. He does not put on a thin veneer for the election only. He is one of the people all the time. Kind hearted, big brained, a good lawyer and splendid all around gentleman of the old school, he is the candidate of the people and for the people. If he is defeated, it will be by the use of "filthy lucre." We are unqualifiedly, unflinchingly and unrestrainedly for his election. Besides being an admirable man for the office, he is a poor man and the office will help him wonderfully; and this weighs with us very much. Its time for us poor "devils" to stand together.

At the Gettysburg reunion the last link in the chain was forged to cement friendly feeling between the North and the South. Much happened at the meeting to wipe out the bitterness engendered by the Civil War. Federal and Confederate soldiers clasped hands with good wishes from one to the other for health and happiness. It was a grand meeting and fifty thousand grizzled veterans who wore the blue or the grey mingled in the great camp of peace on the grounds where fifty years ago the bloodiest battle of the war between the States was fought.—Georgetown Times.

Mr. A. D. Miller was the only candidate who thought that the public was entitled to a statement as to his position on the County Unit. He made a clear cut declaration for that law. And he nailed us to his board just a little tighter by so doing.

Good men, good women of Madison county, will you allow your friend to meet a Waterloo at the hands of the whisky trust?

An effort is being made to find some place of dignity for ex-United States Senator J. C. S. Blackburn and Congressman Ben Johnson is trying to land him the Marshalship of the District of Columbia.—Ex.

There is no place like home. Let him stay there.

Read the letter and ad of J. B. Walker. They have the right ring to them. They will add hundreds of votes to his already strong forces.

RESOLVED: We, the common people, believe that a man who owns and drives a "devil wagon," does not need an office.

To the plain common people: Give the high-brows the ***** in the coming primary.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

The stock market is loudly calling for mother to come in and hold its hands until morning.—Hartford Post.

Judging from the way Huerta talks sometimes, the mint bed at the Mexican White House is liberally patronized.—Columbia State.

It is respectfully but firmly suggested to railroad companies that the time to burn wooden cars is before railroad accidents, not after.—Philadelphia North American.

College professors being notoriously underpaid ought to know what they are talking about when they say that there is no connection between poverty and crime.—Boston Transcript.

When colleges elect newspaper men as president, as one of the oldest in the West has just done, we should say that the future of higher education in this country was very bright.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Eleazer Fisher, who in his 103 years of life voted twenty-one times for President, was a noted man in Sandwich, Ill. But we have local talent that could tie his record in one election.—New York Telegraph.

Public sentiment in the United States always insists that those responsible for these awful railroad wrecks shall be visited with severe punishment, consisting of a warning never to let it occur again.—Hartford Post.

Recaptured

Jack Bush, who was convicted by the Breathitt Circuit Court for an indeterminate sentence of one to five years in the penitentiary and who made his escape, was recaptured and taken to Frankfort last Thursday.

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In Society

Mrs. William S. Broadus gave a handsome 6 o'clock dinner on the Fourth in honor of Mrs. P. F. Stillings, of Washington.

Mrs. D. M. Chenault entertained two tables at Bridge on Saturday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Snyder, of Mt. Sterling.

Miss Katherine Miller, of this city assisted Mrs. J. J. C. Bach, of Jackson, last Tuesday evening in entertaining a party of about fifty young people at a birthday party given to their son, Grannis.

Mrs. L. B. Weisenberg was hostess at Bridge on Monday and Tuesday in honor of Mesdames Pryde, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Henry, of Gulfport, La. Two lovely prizes were given, the first being won by Miss Mary D. Pickels and the second by Miss Mollie Fife.

Mrs. J. S. Collins and Miss Margaretta Smith chaperoned the following young people to Clay's Ferry this week: Misses Madge Burnam, Mary Barrett Smith, Katherine White, Gladys Perry, Mary D. Pickels, Jane D. Stockton, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Messrs. Overton Harber, Joe P. Chenault, Wm. Smith, Ben Cassidy, George Goodloe, Eugene Miller, James Tribble and Overton Evans.

SMITH-RAGSDALE

The beautiful edifice of the Second Presbyterian Church was the scene Tuesday evening of a wedding of very particular interest to all the members of that church and congregation, as their pastor, the Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, claimed as his bride Mrs. Jean Comfort Ragdale, the second daughter of the late Col. James Comfort.

A large assemblage of wedding guests attended the marriage, more than a thousand cards of invitation having been issued.

Mrs. Shugart rendered a number of organ numbers previous to the nuptial service. The following was the program:

Largo.....Handel
Canzoneta.....Tschairowsky
Prelude to the third act of Lohengrin.....Wagner
Canzone.....Renaud
Wedding song from the Cantata "Sir Oluf" by Harriet Ware
Con Amore.....Dethier

In place of usual marches the choir (vested) sang wedding hymns. "O Perfect Love, all Human Thought Transcending" as the processional, and "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" as the recessional. These were no attendants except the ushers. The choir was directed by Prof. Harry Rupert Carr, chorister of Second Church. Mr. Robert L. Foust was chief usher, assisted by Messrs. Edward Maynard, Louis H. Shilman, Dr. Wm. A. Boies, John H. Gillespie and Harry Wood.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Addison Smith, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., the father of the groom. Rev. Dr. Sibley, of the First Presbyterian Church, was to have assisted in the ceremony but was prevented from officiating by his trip to Europe.

The bride and groom left Tuesday evening for Cincinnati and New York, and will sail this week on the S. S. Baltic for Queenstown, Ireland and will be in Europe for two months. They will visit points of interest in Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. On their return trip they will sail from Cherbourg, France, about the middle of September.

While in Italy Rev. Herbert Booth Smith will attend the Waldensian convention, having been appointed American delegate to this religious convention. He will deliver an address in French being the sacred language of this faith.

After an extended European tour Rev. Herbert Booth Smith and bride will be at home to Knoxville friends after October 1, at the manse of the Second Presbyterian Church on Church Avenue.

The Church presented them a chest of silver and a silver service lined with gold. The First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro sent them a handsome present in silver.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Land Stabbed

At Iron Mound, Estill county, Contractor Land and a man named Puckett had an altercation over wages claimed to be due from Land to Puckett. Puckett drew his knife and Land floored him with a single tree. Puckett arose and thrust his knife a glancing stroke in Land's left side, sinking into the bowels. Land's wife seeing the difficulty, went to her husband's assistance and fired three shots at Puckett as he ran away. Puckett is in hiding.

Postmaster Stockton

The appointment of R. C. Stockton as postmaster of Richmond has been confirmed and he will take the office about the first of August.

Mr. Stockton's numerous friends rejoice with him in his good fortune.

SACRED MUSIC

(Re-printed by request from our issue of June 17.)

Kryl's Famous Band will be here on Sunday, June 29. What an opportunity this will be for real lovers of music! To hear a grand concert of sacred music is a rare opportunity. It may never come to Richmond again. The songs sung by our fathers and mothers, played by a master, in which playing all of the soulful melody will be given artistic interpretation and expression, is something to which we can look forward with joyous anticipation. These grand pieces, sung by millions in every clime and land, belong in common to mankind. They have thrilled the hearts of prince and pauper alike, lifted the burdens from the oppressed, softened our savage natures, and healed the bruised heart. Music is the soul of harmony, and the language of angels. It purifies the heart, cleanses the mind, lightens the burdens of life, lifts us from sensualities and gives us the Heavenly vision. And these sweet old hymns, Rock of Ages, Jesus Lover of My Soul, Nearer My God to Thee, Lead Kindly Light, etc., tunes that have become a part of our being, will be rendered in one grand, swelling volume of harmony, filling us with delight, awakening glad remembrances, rejuvenating our languishing souls and carrying us Heavenward.

The music that has lived through ages is sacred music, and it will be our gracious privilege to hear the inimitable Kryl in sacred concert on Sunday, June 29, at the Chautauqua.

100 in the Shade

One hundred in the shade days are here. Are you ready to enjoy them, or will you Swelter and Suffer? When you get home from a hard day's grind at the store, office or factory, you don't feel like working a palm leaf fan to keep cool, neither do you want to Swelter. Then how many nights have you gone to bed but NOT to sleep, so hot you couldn't sleep. An electric fan at about 1c per hour going at slow speed will keep you cool before you go to sleep and then make sleep possible. If comfort and sound sleep are worth anything to you, they surely are worth the price of the small amount of electric current that an electric fan will use. Of course, an electric fan won't work in a house that isn't wired, so call on us or anybody who does wiring and get ready to REALLY ENJOY the hot days and nights that are here. Investigate our prices on fans. The manufacturers' stock is getting low, so get busy.

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